

**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF
MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378 (c))**

Docket Number (Optional)

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Patent No. 5871034Application Number 08520711Issue Date 1999-02-16 (Feb 16, 1999)Filing Date 1995-8-29 (Aug 29, 1995)

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original application number _____

original filing date _____

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filed on _____

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October 10, 2011
Date

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Allen Summer
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1. SMALL ENTITY

☒ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

NOT Small Entity			Small Entity		
Amount	Fee	(Code)	Amount	Fee	(Code)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	3 ½ yr fee	(1551)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	3 ½ yr fee	(2551)
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MAINTENANCE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ (Paid Earlier)

4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) of \$ 1640 (Fee Code 1558) must be paid as a condition of accepting unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee.

SURCHARGE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ Paid Earlier

5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ _____

☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ the sum of \$ _____

☒ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

6. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCY

☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any maintenance fee, surcharge or petition deficiency to Deposit Account No. _____

7. OVERPAYMENT

As to any overpayment made please

OR

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Credit to Deposit Account No. _____

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Send refund check

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8. STATEMENT

This is a resubmission after denial due to absence of signature

The delay in payment of the maintenance fee to this patent was unintentional.

9. PETITIONER(S) REQUEST THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED

Glen Sumner

 Signature(s) of Petitioner(s)

October 10, 2011

 Date

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37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

ENCLOSURES

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Maintenance Fee Payment

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Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)

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I enclose \$400.00 as set out in 37 CFR 1.17(f) [per your letter sent June 17, 2011]

I enclose \$280.00 (in addition to above) and attach a Petition for a 2 month extension of time.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

In re Application of Glen Sumner, Inventor

Application Number 08/520,711 Filed: August 29, 1995

Patent Number 5,871,034 Date of Patent: Feb. 16, 1999

Title: Offshore Pipeline with Waterproof Thermal Insulation

Examiner: Patrick Brinson

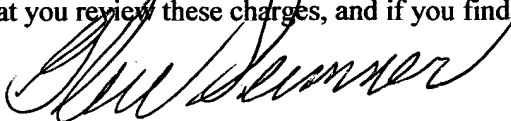
Inventor: Glen Sumner

This is a request for an extension of time of **two months** to correct the Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in An Expired Patent. The reasons for requesting the extension of time are as follows:

I filed a Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in An Expired Patent along with the payment for the maintenance fee and the fee for reviving the patent. I filed this on March 7, approximately two weeks after the patent expired. I signed the payment form, but failed to sign the Petition itself. The patent office rejected the petition because I did not sign it (although I did sign the certificate of service). The Patent Office attempted to inform me of this rejection in a letter dated June 17, 2011. However, this letter was sent to original address of record, which was the address of the law firm that originally handled the application. This law firm is no longer in business, and the letter was returned to the US patent office. I only learned about this rejection of my Petition when I checked on line after becoming concerned that I had not received a reply from the patent office. After calling the Patent Office, I received a copy of the letter by fax on October 7, 2011. According to the letter, I was allowed only two months to make the corrections to my Petition, but because I never saw the letter until October 7, 2011, I cannot respond within that time frame, and I need an additional two month extension of time.

I submit this Petition for an extension of time along with my signed Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent. Because you already have my payment for the maintenance fee, and the reinstatement fee, I have included a payment of \$280.00. The amount of the fee for the extension (\$280.00) is taken from the following USPTO web page:

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/qs/ope/fee092611.htm#extend>. I have also included the \$400.00 payment you said you required in your June 17, 2011 letter, but I question as to the purpose or validity of that fee under the circumstances. I therefore request that you review these charges, and if you find that I have overpaid, I request a refund of the overpayment.

 October 11, 2011

Certificate of Transmission

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October 11, 2011
Date


Glen Sumner (inventor)